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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b), ownership of U.S. Patent 5,653,360 was established in Thera Patent GmbH & Co. KG, Gesellschaft für Industrielle, Schutzzrechte, Seefeld, Germany, by virtue of an Assignment executed by the inventors, Gerd Brandhorst, Wolf-Dietrich Herold, and Ralf Heiduczek in favor of Thera Patent GmbH & Co. KG, Gesellschaft für Industrielle, Schutzzrechte, Seefeld, Germany, which

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Assignment was recorded January 1, 1995, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 7305, Frame 0675.

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